

Year 11 Raising Attainment Evening



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GCSE



All students will take two exams in English:
English Language and English Literature

English Literature



Paper One

- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *A Christmas Carol*

1 hour 45
minutes
64 marks

Paper Two

- *An Inspector Calls/Animal Farm*
- *Power and Conflict Poetry*
- *Unseen Poetry*

2 hours 15
minutes
96 marks

English Language



Paper One

- Fiction Texts
 - Section A – 40 marks
 - Section B – 40 marks

1 hour 45
minutes
50%

Paper Two

- Non-Fiction Texts
 - Section A – 40 marks
 - Section B – 40 marks

1 hour 45
minutes
50%

Additional Speaking and Listening Assessment that students must complete: Pass, Merit and Distinction.



Intervention

- Lessons and resources are uploaded to Teams by individual class teachers.
- There is an expectation that students will catch up on anything that is missed.
- English Drop-Down Day for PPE preparation next Wednesday 19th October.
- After Christmas, there will be intervention for core subjects.
- The sessions will be either whole group or targeted intervention and will focus on key exam skills and information.

Revision



- <https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff/videos> (Mr Bruff)
- [Curriculum - Curriculum \(continuityoak.org.uk\)](http://www.curriculum-continuityoak.org.uk) (Oak National Academy)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> (BBC Bitesize)
- Revision Materials available on the School Website:
http://www.southchurchschool.com/?page_id=4499 - These include practice papers, knowledge organisers and exam style questions.



Revision Tips

- **Engage with the info:** Just reading, highlighting or copying will not work. You need to engage with information on a deeper level to remember it. You should re-organise the content of your notes, hand-outs and books, turning it into charts, mind maps or pictures.
- **Variety is key:** We build up a more exact memory if we are exposed to the same information from lots of different perspectives. It is a good idea to revise using different books, journals and sources rather than reading the same handout or book all the time.
- **Little and often:** The more times you encounter something, the more likely you are to recall it. Therefore, it is better to cover the same thing several times for short periods, rather than spend a long time revising the same material on just one occasion (Cottrell, 2006).



Revision Strategies

Use past exam papers

Practise planning answers to exam questions. Making a plan will test your ability to remember concepts and connections. Jot down which areas of a topic you would draw on to answer a specific question; which approaches or research studies. Then test yourself on key facts or dates you would need for your answer.

Index Cards or sticky notes

Write facts on index cards, in colour, and stick them in prominent places around your home, eg, next to the kettle or on the bathroom mirror. Look at them and say them to yourself every day. When you think you know them, put them on a pile of cards that you will later test yourself on, and put new facts in the prominent places.

Mind Maps

Mind maps are a good way of organising and simplifying information, and seeing connections between the different aspects of a topic. They can be an effective memory trigger because, often, it is the actual act of drawing out a mind map that you recall in an exam.

Layering

Try the 'layering' technique for remembering complex information. First, learn the easiest and simplest facts or ideas about a topic. Use these to provide a foundation before adding gradually more complex information, layer upon layer. Working in this way means that, if you get anxious in your exam, you should still remember the foundation layer of the material. When you start making notes about that, your memory of the higher layers will flood back.

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